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For: **COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WITH DATA STORAGE DEVICE  
INTERFACE PROTOCOL CONNECTORS AND RELATED  
METHODS**

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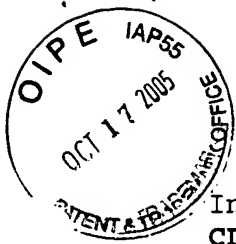


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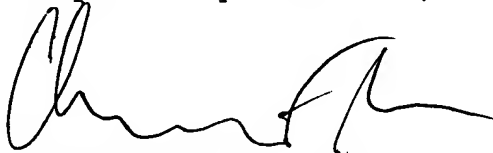
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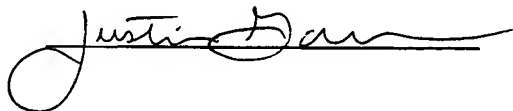
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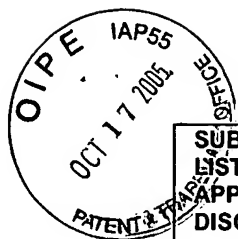


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